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SUBJECT BRIEFING TO DPC ON US INITIATIVES

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1. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A POSITIVE AND CON-
CRETE REACTION TO SECRETARY BROWN'S PROPOSALS FOR NATO
INITIATIVES DURING THE MAY DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING, WE
BELIEVE IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO PREPARE ALLIES CAREFULLY
BEFOREHAND SO THAT THEY ARE READY TO ENDORSE THESE INITIA-
TIVES. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT WASHINGTON CONSIDER
SENDING A SENIOR OFFICIAL TO BRIEF DPC PERMREPS ON THESE
INITIATIVES AND TO PROVIDE THEM A PAPER FOR EXAMINATION AND
APPROVAL IN CAPITALS. A DATE OF ABOUT MAY 4 OR 5 WOULD BE
BEST FOR SUCH A BRIEFING.

2. OUR REASONS FOR PROPOSING THIS COURSE OF ACTION ARE:

- A. IN VIEW OF THE SCOPE AND COMPREHENSIVE NATURE OF
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POSSIBLE US INITIATIVES, AN EARLY PRESENTATION WOULD PRO-
VIDE THE ALLIES SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER FULLY THE US
APPROACH AND ENHANCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF A POSITIVE AND
SUBSTANTIVE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION AND OUTCOME.

- B. THE REACTION OF PERMREPS COULD BE USEFUL IN HELP-
ING WASHINGTON TO FIRM UP ITS PROCEDURAL APPROACH TO
MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION AND ALLIANCE FOLLOW-THROUGH.

3. ALTERNATIVELY, SHOULD WASHINGTON PREFER, WE COULD DIS-

TRIBUTE HERE THE TEXT OF A PAPER PROVIDED BY WASHINGTON
AND PROVIDE WHATEVER ELABORATION WASHINGTON DESIRES. IN
ANY EVENT, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE AL-
LIES A TEXT OF THE PROPOSED INITIATIVES SO THAT THE US PALN
WILL BE CLEARLH UNDERSTOOD IN CAPITALS AND DEFENSE MIN-
ISTERS WILL BE PREPARED TO ACT ON IT DURING THE MINISTERIAL
MEETING RATHER THAN AT SOME UNSPECIFIED LATER DATE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE. STREATOR

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